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1. The Instituto de Intercambio Cultural Colombo-Sovietico (Colombian-Soviet Institute of Cultural Exchange), sometimes known as the Instituto Cultural Colombo-Sovietico (Colombian-Soviet Cultural Institute), a Soviet front organization operating in Colombia, recently underwent a change of administration when Renato Arango, Secretary General of the organization, was replaced by Luis Carlos Perez. Renato Arango had occupied this position since January 1947.

2. [REDACTED] Arango was removed because the Russians had lost confidence in him, and because he allegedly spoke too freely about the activities of the Institute. He is reported to have taken his dismissal with poor grace, and refused to leave the Institute until he was forcibly evicted at the point of a gun by [REDACTED] employee of the Institute. In retaliation, Arango threatened to publish a list of charges against the Institute unless he were compensated in the sum of one thousand Colombian pesos (approximately \$571.00 U.S.). Perez is reported to have stated that the Institute is inclined to make this payment to Arango in order to avoid any embarrassing scandal that might arise as a result of Arango's charges.

3. Luis Carlos Perez, the new Secretary General, is known as a supporter of Dr. Jorge Eliecer Gaitan's left wing Liberal Party element. He is the husband of Matilde Espinosa, the National President of the Alianza Femenina, a Communist-dominated feminist organization.

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